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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.197, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is attached except for those noted in bold which will be filed with a subsequent paper. The attached documents were cited and are of record in the parent Application No. 08/362,455. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because it is cited. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached Form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record, pursuant to MPEP §609. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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